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## Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1881

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., stating that the Assistant Treasurer, under date of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., had informed you that he had received no instructions whatever about the course to be pursued in cases of reference by you to him of minor coins which have been forwarded to you for exchange for 5 cent nickels, and that, under Department Circular 29, he is authorized to pay out any minor coins not needed for the business of the Office, in exchange for legal tender notes only.



I observe, from your statement of Minor  
 Coinage operations for the month ending  
 March 31, 1881, you had on hand in 5 cent  
 nickel pieces a balance in the redemption  
 fund of \$2369.<sup>85</sup> and a balance in the exchange  
 fund of \$1601.<sup>45</sup>. I will thank you to inform  
 me whether these coins are suitable for re-  
 issue and, if not, I shall, in order to accom-  
 modate the public who desire to exchange other  
 minor coins for 5 cent nickels, request authority,  
 from the Secretary of the Treasury, for you to  
 coin \$5000. in those pieces.

Very respectfully  
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 Supt. Mint U.S. }  
 Philadelphia Pa }  
 Horatio B. Orchard  
 Director,



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